

My testimony in opposing these proposed measures is simple:

- Citizens legally owning firearms virtually never cause the mayhem of gun violence that is rejected by all of us as wicked
- If a crazed person drives a car through a crowd of people, does that mean that we should cause safe, legal drivers to have their cars removed from them to protect the public? Think about this rationale! The problem with these kinds of atrocities is the person doing it, not the items used to carry out the evil.
- The laws on the books are severely under-enforced or not rightly prosecuted when broken, causing total disrespect for law and proper fear of retribution in the society. Why do you think that making stiffer laws will affect those who will disobey them anyways? These strict measures only hurt the law abiding citizens, not the criminals.
- Illegal guns are the kind used in most all illegal activities sought to be limited by stricter laws, which is indicative of how much these proposals severely miss the mark. Lawless people will do lawless things with illegally used tools obtained lawlessly, and the movements proposed will do little to nothing to stop them, but will do a great disservice to those who are legally and safely owning and using firearms.
- Doing something just to do something to try to limit the evil being done by evil people, is a superficial feel good emotional fix which fixes nothing, but plays some political points, and gives kudo points in the media, but does not actually accomplish long term benefits, but rather long term detriment to a majority of citizens in this state, and country who are safe and legal owners of firearms, preserved as a right for them in our United States Constitution.
- What to do? Begin by enforcing the basic safety laws already on the books, and actually prosecuting and punishing those who are breaking them.

Let me say, all of us legal owners of firearms want to see all of this

lawless chaos to stop too!! But we know that the way many legislators are going about trying to do it is indicative of either unwillingness to see the truth, or ignorance of what actually will work to bring things into more order, so we oppose these movements as shortsighted and useless.